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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: F-5A AIRCRAFT FOR MOROCCO

REF: AMMAN 1560

1. SEVERAL WEEKS HAVE NOW PASSED SINCE WE NOTIFIED YOU THAT MOROCCAN GOVT HAD DECIDED AGAINST PURCHASING F-5E/F AIRCRAFT IN FAVOR OF FRENCH-MADE F-1 (STATE 71283). ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT NORTHROP IS STILL DISCUSSING POSSIBLE WAYS OF SALVAGING F-5 SALE WITH MOROCCAN OFFICIALS, GOM DECISION AS IT NOW STANDS WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR JORDANIANS TO OBTAIN F-5ES FROM MOROCCO IN RETURN FOR ANY OF THE TWENTY RJAF F-5AS TO BE SUPPLIED TO MOROCCO UNDER VAGUELY-WORDED REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT REPORTED REFTEL.

2. WE WONDER IF WORD OF GOM DECISION TO REJECT F-5E/F SALE HAS FILTERED TO AMMAN, SINCE IT MIGHT HAVE PROMPTED GOJ TO RECONSIDER ITS PLANS TO SEND F-5AS TO MOROCCO AND INFORM US ACCORDINGLY. WHILE WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT USG SHOULD NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMING JORDANIANS OF GOM DECISION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ESTIMATE OF HOW THEY ARE LIKELY TO REACT WHEN THEY EVENTUALLY BECOME AWARE OF IT. WE FRANKLY REMAIN CONCERNED THAT HUSSEIN WILL REGARD OUR SECRET

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BLESSING OF THIS TRANSACTION AS A DE FACTO ASSURANCE THAT

U.S. SOMEHOW WILL MAKE GOOD ON REPLACEMENT OF ANY F-5A'S
NOT RETURNED BY MOROCCO. ROBINSON

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